

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-13 (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Presently Amended) A method of reducing or eliminating pain in a patient during the administration of a drug with a needle by reducing needle deflection to a patient comprising:

providing a needle having a lumen in communication with a drug supply;

advancing said needle in a soft body tissue while simultaneously rotating the needle to eliminate pain-producing deflection of the needle; and

causing said drug to flow through said needle to the tissue as the needle is advanced and rotated.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said needle is advanced and rotated manually.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said needle is rotated sequentially in a first and a second direction.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said needle is rotated by an angle of more than 0 degrees.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said needle is rotated by an angle of up to 180 degrees.

19. (Presently Amended) A method of eliminating pain to a patient during the injection of a drug ~~into a patient~~ with a needle by reducing needle deflection, said method comprising:

advancing a needle into a patient soft tissue;

simultaneously rotating the needle to prevent the needle from generating pain by bending within the tissue as it is being advanced; and

introducing the drug through the needle into the tissue as the needle is advanced and rotated.

20. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the needle is rotated back and forth as it is being advanced.

21. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the needle is rotated by an angle in the range of 0-180 degrees.

22. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein said needle has beveled tip.

23. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the needle is advanced at a rate of about 2-4mm/sec.